



Foggy Bottom News

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NEXT MEETING:

Monday, March 31
8 PM
St. Paul's Parish House
2430 'K' Street, NW

METRO UPDATE and RENT CONTROL

The speaker for the March FBA meeting will be Mr. Frank Waram from the Bechtel Corporation, who will give a slide presentation of the latest efforts on the METRO construction.

In addition, Mr. Joe Davis, Chairperson, City-Wide Housing Coalition, will give a short presentation on:

RENT CONTROL AND CONDOMINIUM CONVERSIONS AND THE NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING PLAN

The current rent control law, which is due to expire on May 31 of this year, limits rents to no more than 12.3 percent above what they were in February, 1973.

February Meeting



Ward Bucher, Free-Lance Architect, and resident of Dupont Circle, graced our meeting on February 24. His account of how THE PEOPLE of Dupont Circle succeeded, against great odds, in preventing their area from being overrun with hi-rise buildings, made fascinating listening. Members of the North Dupont Circle Commission were hard-working, dedicated citizens (property owners and renters) with a well-organized plan of action, which may serve as a blueprint for any group facing a similar threat. Foggy Bottom residents listened attentively to Mr. Bucher.

We were also invited by Sgt. J.R. Sloan of the 2nd District, D.C. Police Department, who told us about the operation of the Department and utilization of its manpower. We appreciate his listening to our problems, big and small—and his willingness to try to resolve them. We hope he'll be back again.

Liz Davis brought us up to date on "The Park" proposed for the Virginia Avenue/Rock Creek Park entrance area. Liz probably is as well versed in the history of the land as anyone in the District or Federal Governments. We appreciate the time and effort she has put into this project.

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**Foggy
Bottom
and the
Bicentennial
Celebration**

Neighborhood Advisory Council

Mr. Dick Palco, Foggy Bottom Association President, and Ms. Marthlu Bledsoe have been appointed to the Washington Circle Area Caucus by Councilman Wilson to assist in developing recommendations to the Councilman concerning the Advisory Neighborhood Councils in Ward Two. The caucus met on March 13 and the consensus of the group

was that ANC boundaries in the Washington Circle area should coincide with the election precincts 2, 3, and 4 which surround Washington Circle. The caucus also agreed that single member districts within the ANC should be based on a population of 2000. Based on the 1970 census the Washington Circle ANC would have a population of approximately 14,800.

Foggy Bottom is important to all of us or we probably would not live here. Just like it is important to us it was important to our country in its early beginnings and it continues to be important in the every day activities of our government.

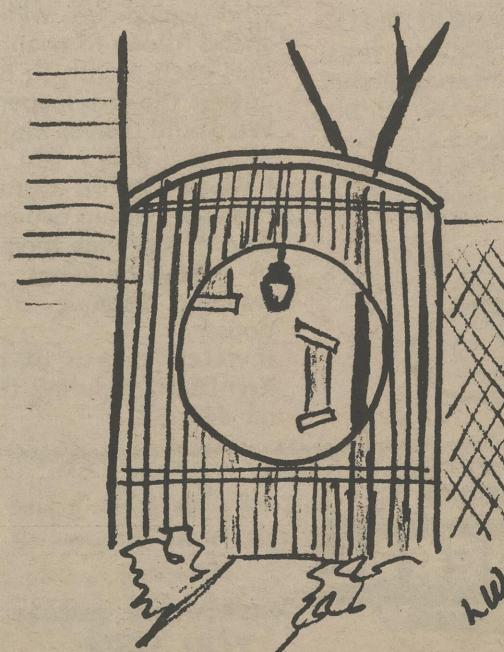
The Foggy Bottom Association would like to sponsor some events, activities, area improvements, area celebrations and the like to help do our bit for the government in making the Bicentennial Celebration a huge success. To do this we will need help from our members and all residents of the Foggy Bottom area—and workers in the Bottom too.

The celebration is in 1976 but it is none too soon to start planning for what Bottomites might do. Right now ideas are what we need—lots of them. PLEASE SEND YOUR IDEAS NOW to DICK PALCO, President of the FBA. At the same time if any of you are willing to work on a FB Bicentennial Committee please let us know.

One idea which has been presented is to take specific areas in the Bottom and plant them in the flowers and shrubs of two hundred years ago. Another is to take each street and plant it along the lines of Lombardi Street (the most crooked street in the world) in San Francisco. We could develop a breathtaking area of the Bottom if we started now. This writer feels certain that we could get financial and physical assistance from the Bicentennial Commission to effect this idea.

The above are my ideas—WHAT'S YOURS? Please send it to Dick, now.

Mary E. Healy



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I am pleased to have this opportunity to speak to residents of the Foggy Bottom area on the work of your City Council, and wish to extend my sincere thanks to the staff of the Foggy Bottom News for offering me this space.

As you know, I officially took office on January 2. The first few days were filled with inaugural activities. We are now settled down to business, however, and my staff and I are ready to be of service to all Ward 2 residents.

Our offices are on the 5th floor of the District Building, 14th & "E" Streets, N.W. Estrellita Jones and Brigid Quinn are my Executive Assistant and Administrative Assistant respectively and any one of us can be reached at 638-2223 (Ext. 58 & 59).

The Council has adopted its Rules of Procedure and set up its Committees. I will be chairing the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs. My Committee assistants are Marianne Freeman and Vic Simon. Until we get completely organized they too can be reached at the above numbers. My other Committee assignments are Finance and Revenue, Public Safety, and Administration and Personnel.

The Council meets in regular legislative session in the Council Chambers, Room 500 of the District Building, every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Every third Tuesday, however, we meet at 7:30 p.m. in the same place to give those who cannot make our morning meetings an opportunity to participate. All meetings, of course, are open to the public.

Any Ward 2 resident wishing to be on our mailing list for notices of meetings, hearings and other announcements can just give my office a call or drop us a note. And remember, we are here to serve you. So don't be afraid to let us know what's on your mind.

John Wilson
Ward 2

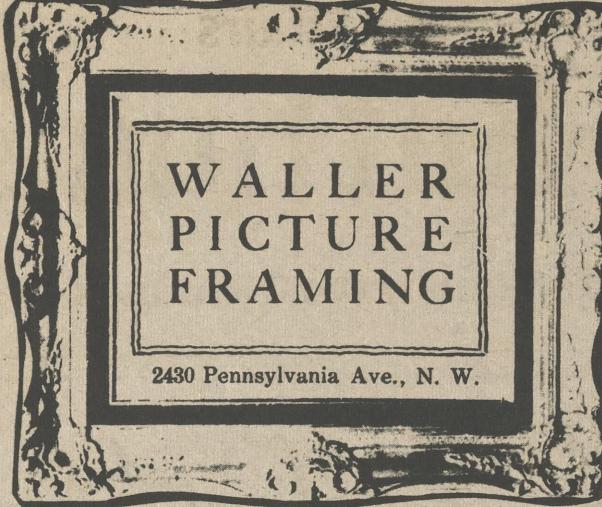
With Spring soon to be here, LET'S CLEAN UP FOGGY BOTTOM!!

So many more people now see the Foggy Bottom area as they go to the Kennedy Center that we all should take more pride in the way the area appears.

If each and every resident in Foggy Bottom would do his little share of picking up trash and leaves regularly, we would soon be a clean neighborhood.

Please help. Let's clean up Foggy Bottom, TODAY!!!

Sincerely,
Rufus Lisle



1975-76 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee for the 1975-76 Officers of the Foggy Bottom Association has been formed. The Committee is chaired by Leslie Wilder, and the members are: Ellie Becker, Marthlu Bledsoe, Jim Murphy and Dennis Williams. FB News readers having suggestions for nominees for next year's officers (see our masthead for positions to be filled) should contact any of the above Nominating Committee members.

Mr. Holsey Handyside of 2529 Eye NW has just been made USA Ambassador to Mauritania and will be leaving soon to assume his duties in that west African country.



Present and former residents of 940-950 25th Street were saddened recently by the death of Johnnie Johnson, Assistant Engineer at the buildings for ten years, ever since 950 was built.

The Foggy Bottom News extends its sympathy to Eleanor Becker whose father, Joseph A. Becker, passed away in February.

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This column will bring you news from the D.C. Office of Consumer Affairs: what services it offers you, what activities it is involved in, and how to solve your consumer problems, along with tips on being a better consumer. It is hoped that this column will enable you to know more about the Office of Consumer Affairs, and, consequently, to take advantage of the services it provides.

What Is CAO?

CAO stands for the Consumer Affairs Office of the District of Columbia Government. It is part of the Mayor's Office, and is the official agency responsible for handling all areas of consumer concern.

In response to the growing needs of District consumers, CAO was established in October, 1973.

Why Was CAO Created?

CAO was created for these purposes:

*To provide consumer education opportunities so citizens can be more aware

and informed in the marketplace.

*To protect consumers from unfair or fraudulent trade practices and unsafe merchandise or services.

*To enforce consumer protection regulations and propose new legislation when needed.

*To bridge the gap between business and the consumer through increased mutual understanding of the needs and wants of each.

*To coordinate programs and activities of other consumer organizations throughout the Washington Metropolitan Area.

Whom Does CAO Help?

It assists all residents of the District of Columbia who have consumer problems. It also helps non-residents who have problems involving businesses located in Washington, D.C.

Who Will Help You With Your Problem AT CAO?

Fourteen full-time professionals comprise the CAO staff. They function in the areas of complaint investigation, consumer legislation, and consumer education.

If the CAO staff cannot answer your questions, it will find out who can, and will direct you to that person or agency.

Part-time volunteers and students from area colleges provide valuable assistance to the staff. The services of many volunteers will be needed in the opening of walk-in branch offices of CAO throughout the city. If you are interested in helping consumers in your neighborhood by volunteering a few hours a week, please let CAO know about it.

Which Types Of Problems Does CAO Handle?

These are some of the typical problems:

... disputes involving goods or services you have purchased

... credit and billing problems

- ... harassment in debt collection
- ... false or deceptive advertising
- ... problems in repair work
- ... guarantees or warranties which are not honored
- ... fraudulent sales practices
- ... home solicitation sales
- ... garnishment of wages
- ... repossession of goods
- ... and any other areas where consumers need help or advice.

How Do You Get Help From CAO On A Consumer Problem?

When you have a consumer problem you are unable to solve, call: 629-2617. Or, you may write or visit the D.C. Consumer Affairs Office.

Where Is CAO Located?

D.C. Consumer Affairs Office, 1407 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

When Should You Contact CAO?

The very next time you have a consumer problem which you cannot solve, contact CAO.

We're here to serve you, but we can't unless YOU tell us about your consumer problem.

Volunteers

Needed

Wendy and Mary Pat are not typical of the "too busy, too involved or too tired" young women of the city. They are, however, both busy and involved in their Red Cross work. You may have guessed it, but let us tell you anyway that Wendy and Mary Pat are volunteers with the D.C. Chapter of the American Cross.

Every other Sunday, they spend part of their day in Northwest Washington making older folks happy. It's not really a hard task at all to them, instead it's a very special occasion. The elderly people who wait for their visit do so with impatience. Calendars are marked indicating which days Wendy and Mary Pat are due. And, while the older folks may not jump as soon as their door bells ring, that extra sparkle in their eyes will surely shine once again.

Wendy and Mary Pat are young, but this doesn't keep them from relating to those they visit. The young women have even managed to talk the older folks into considering the idea of going out of the house on nice days for a walk. In cooperation with the Personal Care Home Operators, they are making every effort to motivate the elderly residents into taking a more active interest in themselves and others. We're glad we have young folks like Wendy and Mary Pat who are interested in our programs.

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